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NATIONAL DATA BANK ON SOCIO RELIGIOUS CATEGORIES
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any database exists regarding the socio- religious categories of the minorities in country;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to constitute a National Data Bank on Socio-Religious Categories; and

(d) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred for the creation of such Data Bank?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE),IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K.VASAN)

(a) No,Sir.However,a web page (mospi.gov.in/national_data_bank/index.htm) has been created in the Ministry`s website (mospi.gov.in) and links to various Reports on Socio-Religious Categories (SRCs) have been provided. The data on SRCs are being collected through the Population Censuses conducted by RGI and sample surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation. These data provide some information of minorities in the country.

(b) The Reports already available and linked with the National Data Bank web page are listed below:

NSS 48th Round Land & Livestock holdings and debt & investment,(January-1992-December 1992)

NSS 50th Round Consumer Expenditure and Employment & Unemployment, (July 1993 - June 1994)

NSS 55th round Consumer Expenditure,Employment & Unemployment and Non-agricultural Enterprises in the Informal Sector in India (July`1999-June-2000)

NSS 59th Round Consumer Expenditure,Employment-Unemployment,Situation Assessment Survey of Farmers (January-December, 2003)

NSS 61st Round Consumer Expenditure, Employment- Unemployment Survey (July`2004-June`2005)

(c) The National Data Bank web page has been created with existing Survey Reports available through National Sample Surveys. Under the directions of PMO, a Group chaired by the Secretary (S & PI), has been constituted to identify the data needs in respect of Socio-Religious Categories (SRCs) and to propose data elements for development of unified database on SRCs. Liaison is also being made with other ministries to share their databases through the National Data Bank web page. existing resources are being used for the creation of National Data Bank web page and provision of links and no separate funds allocation has been made.